

BOARD OF BOILER RULES
MINUTES
November 15th and 16th, 2004
Tacoma Labor & Industries
(Amended on 01/18/05)

Members:

Craig Hopkins, Chair
Steve Bacon
Faye Dietz
Ken Eshleman
Robb Marvin, Secretary

Other Attendees:

Chuck Bowers, Tesoro
Terry Chapin, Sea-Tac Airport
Dick Chamblin, Bates Tech College
Bill Gill, Longview Fibre Co.
David Henderson, Bates Tech College
Tony McNamara, CH2O
Tony Oda, State of Washington
Larry Leet, City of Seattle
Randy Robbins, Boilermakers #502
Jan Pelroy
Steve Prideaux, Good Sam Hospital

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The Agenda for today's meeting was accepted with no additions.

The minutes of September 21st, 2004 Board meeting were accepted and approved with no corrections.

The dates for next year's meetings were approved and will be held at 9 a.m., at the Department of Labor and Industries in Tacoma WA. The meeting dates are as follows:

January 18-19, 2005
March 8-9, 2005
May 17-18, 2005
September 20-21, 2005
November 8-9, 2005

There was one request for a change to WAC 296-104-300 series in regards to the emergency shutdown switch on boilers. The Board will take a look at that making sure that it is closely aligned with CSD-1. The Board may take a look at state examination questions. The Insurance Association called stating they wanted to know what the appeal process was for removing the new WAC under 701 regarding fines, but after talking with the Boiler Chief they didn't want to take up the issue, but may bring it up at a future date.

Some changes were made to the Board of Boiler Rules Bylaws that were submitted to the State Attorney General's office, who made some suggestions. Mr. Eshleman is going to

come up with another proposal to be submitted at a future date.

Department Notes – a question arose from the City of Seattle on the definition of “volume” and the Attorney General’s office gave us their interpretation that the Board and Department have been handling it accordingly and it coincides with their interpretation.

The Attorney General’s office said that “should” and “shall,” mean the same in the context of proposed changes to the Board Bylaws.

Statewide boiler licensing requirements, there has been some interest expressed to the Board that this issue is taken back up. The AG’s office indicates that this issue can be handled in the form of a new WAC rule. The Board will consider this as a status report and Mr. Marvin feels we should resubmit this issue to the new Attorney General after the first of the year when the new AG takes office. We need to make sure policy has not changed with the new AG and present this to the Board at the January meeting.

Mr. Gill, Longview Fibre, has asked that we study what the problem is and where the problem is with statewide licensing and once the problem is defined he would endorse active regulations that address the problem. Also, please don’t inadvertently penalize those that have their house in order. Longview Fibre spends thousands of dollars training their boiler operators each year.

Jan Pelroy, retired Chair for Bates Technical College, works on the licensing for stationary engineers in Tacoma. The Board for Bates Technical College was polled on how they felt and are very strong proponents for a statewide boiler license law and would offer any help with licensing for state. They feel they could help with the licensing and testing. They also feel there is a need for statewide licensing and will send us statements on how they feel. He has seen a lot of people that have needed to be licensed.

Gubernatorial interviews were conducted with Steve Prideaux, Terry Chapin and Randy Robbins and a new member will be appointed soon.

There was no other additional business.

The next meeting will be held at 9 a.m., January 18th and 19th, 2005, Department of Labor and Industries, Tacoma.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robb Marvin, Chief Boiler Inspector
Department of Labor and Industries
Secretary to the Board

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